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Notice of Status and Amount of Immediate Tax Relief

Dear Taxpayer:

Once again, we would like to inform you that the United States Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed into law the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, which provides small amounts of temporary long-term tax relief for some Americans who pay income taxes and a very large amount to the richest 1% of taxpayers.

As a part of the immediate tax relief you might be receiving a check (if you are fortunate enough not to be poor and in the case that you are not one of the 500,000 to whom this letter was sent in error) in the amount of

\$300.00 during the week of 07/30/2001.

We regret to inform you that the Republicans wasted **\$30.5 MILLION of your taxpayer dollars** on this shameless PR effort. The funds for this taxpayer-funded Republican PR effort could have instead been put to good use if the GOP had agreed to use this money for funding drug-control efforts among local, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies.

We also regret to inform you that after inheriting the largest budget surplus in American history, President Bush and Congressional Republicans have put the country back on a path that could lead not only to a raid on the Medicare surplus, but to a raid on Social Security as well.

We hesitate to inform you that if the Democrats were in charge everyone would have received a tax cut and the billions of dollars that are going to the wealthiest 1% of taxpayers would instead go to the hardworking Americans who need it most. The Democratic tax plan would have allowed us to pay down the national debt by 2008, provide a prescription drug benefit for all seniors, extend the life of Social Security to 2050 and Medicare to 2040, and put more quality teachers in the classroom and cops on the beat.

Signed,

The Grand Old Party

**This is not the actual letter sent to taxpayers – it is a mock letter written to highlight the absurdity of the original letter.*

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